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MARCH OF DIMES: Pretty Kathleen Will, 9, of 403 E. 56 St., a polio patient cared for by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis since she was stricken in 1943, helps Gus Faber, secretary of Local 100, CIO Transport Workers Union, deposit advance collections of the TWU in the New York bottle at the Pennsylvania Station all-state collection display.

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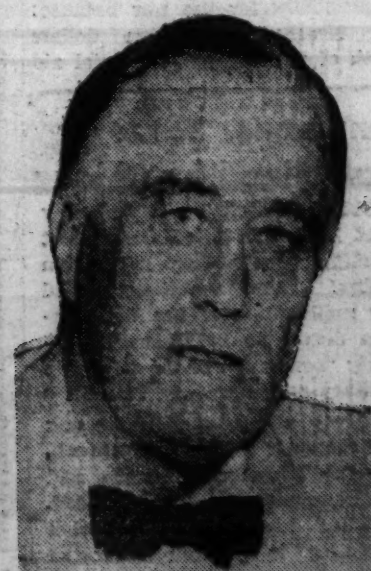
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WORLD EVENTS

'Mediation' In China Over, Says Marshall

Secretary of State George Marshall yesterday ended U.S. "mediation" in China's civil war. An announcement by the State Department said the U.S. government would drop its connections with the Committee of Three over which Marshall presided in China. This committee was established in Chungking in order to end the fighting.

It was also decided to break connections with Executive Headquarters in Peiping which was supposed to supervise the agreement to end hostilities.

According to one United Press report from Washington, this decision would result in the recall of American marines from China. Correspondent R. H. Shackford asserted the State Department move meant that the \$500,000,000 loan to the Chiang Kai-shek government "was pushed far back into a pigeon hole."

Reports that all U. S. troops would be removed from China were admittedly guesswork because the State Dept. announcement was telephoned to press associations in order to prevent the questioning of high officials.

U. S. Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart informed Chiang Kai-shek of the U. S. decision at 4:30 p.m. An hour later the information was passed on to Communist representative Wang Ping-nan.

Marshall's action followed a demand by Senator Arthur Vandenberg on Jan. 1 that the U. S. end its mediation efforts in China. The GOP foreign policy spokesman also demanded more complete support for Chiang's dictatorship.

It was indicated in Washington that the present action would not change the government's course of support for the Chiang regime. Marshall's report on his mission to China concluded with an appeal to "liberals" to rally behind Chiang Kai-shek.

The administration turned down a proposal made Dec. 18 by Senators James Murray (D-Mont) and Ralph Flanders (R-Vt) that the U. S. end its one-sided mediation while continuing to arm Chiang Kai-shek for civil war. The senators suggested instead Big Three mediation in China to secure a coalition government and an end to the civil war.

In a letter to Secretary Marshall last week, the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy condemned Vandenberg's China proposal. The committee cited U. S. responsibility for the war because:

1. Nearly four billion dollars worth of military and financial aid

Communist Peace Plan Nixed by Chiang

Chiang Kai-shek said yesterday that he had rejected Communist conditions for ending civil war in China. These conditions called for nullification of the Constitution drawn up by Chiang's one-party "assembly" and a return to military positions as of Jan. 13.

Chiang also announced he was "liberalizing" his government, but the Democratic League and the Communists will be excluded.

Under his new constitution Chiang is granted unlimited rights for five years and six months out of every six years.

went to the Kuomintang since VJ day.

2. The U. S. trained and equipped 40 Kuomintang divisions for civil war since VJ day, compared with 20 during the war against Japan.

3. U. S. planes, ships and trucks operated by U. S. armed forces transported 13 Kuomintang armies to North China and Manchuria where they launched the civil war.

Kuomintang General To Launch Air Drive

Kuomintang Air Force Commander Gen. Chou Chi-Ju left Nanking for Hsuehchow yesterday to direct air operations against 150,000 Communists in Shantung, according to United Press reports from Shanghai.

Gen. Chou has at his disposal large numbers of U. S. P-47s and P-51s as well as B-25 medium bombers.

According to Kuomintang reports the Communists were attacking along an 80-mile arc northeast of Hsuehchow. Nanking reports Chiang's troops recaptured Taohuang, important coal mine center.

Kuomintang reports from Peiping said Communists captured Tingsien, near the Peiping-Hankow railroad.

UN Group Maps Relief Budget

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 29.—A United Nations technical committee tonight recommended \$583,000,000 more relief from individual nations for Austria, Poland, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia and Hungary.

The U. S. delegate objected that estimates for Italy should be upped and those for Yugoslavia cut. The Soviet delegate protested the committee was unfair.



THIS STUNNING DRESS was valued at the stunning price of 25 billion francs, roughly \$200,000, at a recent Paris fashion show. It's a Balenciaga creation—emerald bolero of green velvet, embellished with 213 diamonds.

British Think Soviets Want Broader Pact

The British cabinet believes that Premier Joseph Stalin desires a general British-Soviet alliance aimed against any aggressor, a high government informant said yesterday, according to United Press. This would replace the present alliance, which is aimed only against aggression by Germany.

It was reported that Sir Maurice Drummond, British Ambassador in Moscow, has been instructed to sound out foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov, and if possible Stalin himself, on Russia's actual desires.

"The Cabinet believe Stalin wishes a treaty providing joint British-Russian military action in case of aggression by any power," the informant said.

The Soviet news agency Tass said that while Britain had a formal alliance with Russia, it had an effective if informal "bloc against the Soviet Union" with the United States.

Tass also said Stalin told British Field Marshal Montgomery that if the Soviets and Britain exchanged officers it might be interpreted as preparation for war.

Montgomery said only 30 officers

Vandenberg Asks U. S. Get Tougher on Poles

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. — Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich) today endorsed the State Department's condemnation of Poland's Jan. 19 election, but demanded "a more convincing act."

Vandenberg, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, proposed in a Senate speech that the Big Three investigate the elections as a starter.

He hinted that he would ask for even tougher action in retaliation for the Democratic Bloc's overwhelming victory. Such action might be veto of the \$500,000,000 World Bank loan sought by Poland, and/or pushing Germany's border eastward into Poland when the German treaty is written.

It was learned today that President Truman had asked Vandenberg to accompany Secretary of State Marshall and Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex) to the Moscow conference on the German treaty in March.

Austin Yields On Atom-Arms Procedure—If . .

Warren R. Austin, U. S. delegate to the Security Council, finally got his orders straightened out yesterday.

After discussions with Secretary George Marshall and President Truman, the decision is that the United States will agree to simultaneous talks on atomic and general disarmament—provided action is taken on atomic controls first.

Austin was embarrassed in the Security Council two weeks ago when Britain and France lined up with the Soviet Union to urge the simultaneous procedure. The U. S. delegate, a former Republican Senator from Vermont, got a postponement until Feb. 4.

Austin yesterday restated the familiar argument that atomic controls should not rest with the Security Council.

This idea is an attempt to get around the great-power veto, which is the guarantee of great-power unanimity.

Other atomic developments:

• The Senate committee which is passing on the qualifications of David E. Lilienthal and four other presidential appointees to the U. S. atomic commission, delayed its hearings until next Thursday.

• United Press quoted a "high War Department official" as declaring that "the Soviet Union not only does not have the atom-bomb but does not have the equipment or know-how to make one within the next five to 10 years."

Banker Freed

Jewish underground agents in Palestine last night released Maj. H. A. I. Collins, kidnapped British banker, according to United Press. Tuesday's reports of his release were wrong.

British Unions Hit Hollywood

The British Film Industry Employers Council — representing all movie unions — yesterday attacked Hollywood-London motion picture combines. It had just been announced that Warner Bros. was to get a firm toe-hold in the British film industry.

The unions also recommended large-scale government patronage of the film industry—with state-owned theaters and production.

Molotov Signs 5 Peace Treaties

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The official Soviet Tass News Agency reported Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov signed the Italian, Romanian, Bulgarian and Finnish peace treaties today in Moscow.



WORLD BRIEFS

ITALY LEADERS HIT OUTSIDE MEDDLING

"FOREIGN INTERFERENCE" provoked the crisis in Italy's Christian Democratic Party, according to Socialist leader Pietro Nenni and Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti. Togliatti hinted the U. S. was using its loan to Italy to meddle in Italian affairs. Nenni said: "There is not the slightest doubt we need our national independence even more than the American loan." Alcide de Gasperi, who negotiated the loan, is under pressure from his Christian Democrats to form an anti-left government, although Communists and Socialists led in Italy's most recent elections. Result: no government yet.

ERNEST BEVIN, Britain's foreign secretary, conferred with Jewish Agency leaders in London. He was believed to have threatened months of British military rule over Palestine if the Jews don't help crush resistance activities. A high government source said Britain might impose partition on Palestine if negotiations with both Arabs and Jews fail.

MRS. FDR, American delegate to the UN's Human Rights Commission, proposed that the UN begin planning a world treaty on freedom of information (except atomic information) and preparing a global "Charter of Human Rights." The proposed Charter would include the "right to employment and social security" and the "right to enjoy minimum standards of economic, social and cultural well-being."

Izvestia, Soviet organ, charged that the American plan to permit Gen. Douglas MacArthur to direct Japanese reparations was illegal. "Under the protection of the smokescreen of Pauley's (U.S. Reparations Commissioner Edwin C. Pauley) slanderous inventions on the USSR's 'one-sided actions' in Manchuria, American authorities are preparing a really one-sided 'solution' to the Japanese reparations question contrary to the agreement between the Allies," Izvestia said.



Viet Nam Fighter: The body of a Viet Nam soldier lies on a stretcher near Hanoi, where Indo-Chinese fight French troops for their independence.

LABOR and the NATION



At Labor Hearing: Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach (left) talks with Senators Joseph H. Ball (R-Minn) center, and Robert A. Taft (R-O) about their pending revision of the anti-labor Case bill. The Secretary told Taft, Ball and other Senate Labor Committee members that a ban on the closed shop and on industry-wide bargaining would bring "industrial strife."

Set March 15 Deadline For Anti-Strike Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The House Labor Committee disclosed today that it was out to jam through an anti-strike bill by March 15 before the United Mine Workers soft coal agreement expires. Chairman Fred A. Hartley (R-NJ) said he was confident that, "if necessary," the bill could be enacted over Truman's veto.

Announcing the committee would start hearings on labor legislation next Wednesday, he said he "personally" set the March 15 deadline. He indicated his group would act independently of the Senate, but said "we will cooperate with the Senate Labor Committee," headed by Robert Taft, Ohio.

The Chamber of Commerce formally announced its lobbyists will make a "vigorous" fight to obtain these objectives:

- Outlaw jurisdictional strikes, secondary boycotts and the closed shop.

- Prohibit industry-wide bargaining and subject labor unions to

the anti-trust laws.

- Defeat Truman's proposals for a temporary joint commission to study labor relations.

Hartley's statement came as the Senate group heard industry witnesses.

R. Stafford Edwards, president of the Electrical Manufacturers Association, urged a ban on secondary boycotts.

Theodore R. Iserman, New York corporation attorney, blasted the Wagner Act and asked for legislation to outlaw "illegal strikes," boycotts, the closed shop and industry-wide bargaining.

Republican spokesmen held yesterday's testimony of Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach indicated a possible agreement between Congress and the Administration on some issues at least.

Truman Considering Rent Boost Order

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. — The Truman administration has under consideration an order boosting rents 10 percent for present occupants and lifting ceilings completely from dwellings vacated by current tenants.

CIO Raps Denial Of House Post To Marcantonio

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Denial of a committee assignment to Rep. Vito Marcantonio, (ALP-NY) was protested today by the CIO which labeled the situation "an affront to labor."

In a letter to Speaker Joseph Martin (R-Mass) and House minority leader, Sam Rayburn (D-Tex), the CIO pointed out the reorganization act requires that every congressman be assigned to a committee.

"Congressman Marcantonio has long been a friend of the organized labor movement and has had the victorious support of the workers in his district and throughout the country," the letter emphasized. "This flagrant discriminatory action directed against a member of Congress supported by labor is considered by CIO as an affront to labor itself."

Republicans have refused to give the fighting progressive a committee seat contending it is up to the Democrats since he won the Democratic nomination in the primaries. The Democrats have also refused to act, claiming it is standard practice for the majority leadership to assign members of small parties.

Late today the White House denied the President had approved the order but close observers here felt a rent increase by Executive Order continues to be a real danger.

This single fact remained clear late today despite a flock of contradictory rumors and denials issuing from various sources. Charles Ross, secretary to Truman, denied the White House has already okayed the order raising rents. He told newsmen the President's position remains unchanged and that it means holding the line on rents except in hardship cases.

But it is also known that an order for the 10 per cent increase was prepared today in the Office of Temporary Controls and scheduled for release late today. It would have gone into effect next Saturday.

At 5:30 this afternoon, an OPA spokesman telephoned newsmen that the order would not be issued tonight and he did not know when it would.

It is reported that CIO President

Philip Murray has been in touch with Truman this week and informed him in vigorous language the reasons why labor is bitterly opposed to rent increases. A CIO delegation vainly attempted to see James Follin, Deputy Administrator of OTC, in an effort to prevent the scheduled rent increases from going into effect.

The delegation included Nathan Cowan, Legislative Representative; Jack Thornton, Cost of Living Committee; Robert Lamb; USW; Russell Nixon, UE, and Leo Goodman, Retail Union.

P. S. Fleming was scheduled to testify tomorrow before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee which is holding hearings on bills to raise rents and lift controls. Because he will be in Iowa attending his mother's funeral, his assistant, Follin, will testify.

It is believed here that Follin, as an administration spokesman, will urge retention of machinery for rent controls for a year (but will give a green light to "reasonable" rent increases.

Despite the maneuvering at the top level today, close observers say the administration is prepared to retreat on the rent issue. The only question, they say, is whether the White House will take responsibility for boosting rents or whether it will pass the buck to Congress. In any event, they say, Truman in his present mood is not prepared to veto a rent-raising measure.

Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association of Colored People, yesterday wrote President Truman urging him to maintain rent ceilings.

Ruling Delayed On Ezra Pound

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Judicial ruling on a plea by Ezra Pound, pro-fascist poet accused of treason, for a chance to enter a private mental institution was delayed today when counsel disagreed about his condition.

Coaldiggers' Dividends

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—The Interior Department reported today that 974 men were killed in coal mining operations last year.

Crashes Show Need for Air Safety Board

By Harry Raymond

David L. Behncke, president of the Airlines Pilots Association (AFL), put his finger yesterday on one of the problems of air transport safety.

Speaking for the men who fly the planes, he demanded the job of investigating current mounting air disasters be placed in the hands of an independent air safety board.

Behncke was sharply critical of the action of Congress in 1940, when it permitted the old Air Safety Board to be placed under the Civil Aeronautics Board. The pilots are opposed to permitting an agency to investigate air crashes while at the same time it must enforce safety regulations.

The main reason for the vagueness of CAB reports on causes of crashes is that in many cases of safety the CAB itself is at fault. Their investigations often take on the character of a policeman investigating his own laxness in enforcing the law. The CAB has never been strong on self-criticism.

There has been a wild postwar rush of the commercial airlines to get more planes into service. The pilots have not opposed this expansion. But they are vitally concerned with the failure of Air Traffic Control to keep pace with growth of the fleets.

The big problem it still congestion of air traffic around major airports. Such fields as LaGuardia have reached the saturation

point, with some 720 scheduled airline operations a day. Traffic often reaches the peak of 53 planes an hour. When fog comes the skies are soon clogged with planes and danger lurks aloft.

Meanwhile, the Civil Aeronautics Commission and the GAB continue to debate the merits and demerits of radar installation. These bodies have failed to take proper and vigorous action to improve field and runway conditions and other landing and take-off facilities. Ironically, the AFL Pilots Assn., has gone on record against radar and to date has not changed its position.

More recent crashes on the North American continent were in fog-bound landings. Instrument failures, insufficient instrument-landing systems and congestion of "plane stacks" aloft were blamed for many of this winter's fatal smash-ups.

Still commercial planes continue to ply the airways minus the life-saving radarscopes. Army pilots have proved the efficiency of radar. They have flown radar-equipped aircraft by beacons, and the pilot "under the hood," unable to see from the windows, can call out the exact position over the ground at any moment. Pilots who have never seen radar have through its use, found no difficulty in making safe fog-bound

low-approach landings in unfamiliar planes.

On the west coast the Navy has successfully experimented on the RAF's FIDO (Fog Investigation Dispersal Operation). This is a method of burning fog away from airport areas. The British, under war pressure, dispersed the fog by setting fire to gasoline in pipes around the field. Pilots said landing under FIDO conditions was "like walking into a room."

The fog dispersal system has been greatly improved since the war. Yet, no commercial fields have installed it or even proposed it. The reason: Cost.

The recent DC-3 crash in Copenhagen highlighted the danger of overloading the planes. Although the manufacturers of the DC-3's recommend a take-off weight of 25,200 pounds, the plane that crashed on the Denmark take-off was carrying 26,620 pounds, permitted by Dutch regulations.

There has always been an itch

among operators to overload the DC-3's. Pilots call them "work-horses of the air." The Army has sent them up bearing as much as 36,500 pounds. Regularly they carried 29,000 pounds. And the temptation has been great to continue to fly them overloaded. Britain still permits a maximum load of 28,000 pounds in these two-motor transports.

Therefore, any proper investigation of air transport safety and adoption of regulations should be international. There is still a tragic lack of coordination of regulations between various nations.

Pilots also have been critical of the position of the fuel tanks on the DC-3. The danger of fire during a crash landing in this type of plane, they say, is greater than in most others due to design.

What is needed now is unity of the pilots, ground workers and air-travelling public in demanding the best planes, the best safety systems, the best fields possible under modern engineering.

25 PERSONS REPORTED DEAD IN CRASH OF CHINESE PLANE

SHANGHAI, Jan. 29.—Twenty-five were reported killed in the crash of a China National Aviation Corp. transport yesterday. Twelve Americans and Canadians and 14 Chinese were aboard when the plane fell and burned in the marshland 60 miles west of Hankow.

The lone survivor, according to the Chinese Central News Agency,

was a "foreigner"—an American or Canadian—and he was critically injured. With the exception of the pilot, Capt. John Papajik of New York, all of the Americans and Canadians were missionaries or the wives and children of missionaries. Five Chinese commercial transports have crashed since Christmas night, killing a probable total of 142 passengers and crewmen.

Query

By Alan Max

The NAM is trying to get the closed shop declared unconstitutional. But will it consider unconstitutional the many shops that will be closed in the coming crisis?

NEW YORK

Sue Freeport In Cop Killing Of Fergusons

Papers in a \$47,500 damage suit were filed against the village of Freeport, L.I. yesterday by members of the Ferguson family. The suit charges municipal responsibility for the police killing last February of Pfc. Charles Ferguson, Negro soldier, and his brother, Alfonso.

Filing suit were Richard and Joseph Ferguson, their mother, Mrs. Alma Ferguson, and the widow of Charles, Mrs. Minnie Ferguson.

Congressman A. Clayton Powell, Jr., chairman of the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport which assisted the complainants in preparing the suit, said, "To win any part of this case will mean a tremendous victory far beyond Freeport. It will establish municipal responsibility for police brutality against any person because of prejudice."

In four separate actions, damages are asked against the village for the killing of Pfc. Charles Ferguson, Negro soldier, and his brother, Alfonso; the false arrest, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution of Richard and the wounding of Joseph Ferguson by Policeman Joseph Romeika, Feb. 5, 1946, in Freeport, L. I. The brothers were still in uniforms of the U. S. armed forces.

The Army, Navy and civilian courts officially exonerated the brothers of any wrong-doing.

Stanley Faulkner, New York City attorney, drew the briefs and is preparing to handle the case for the Ferguson family. The papers were filed today with George F. Hasbrouck, Freeport village clerk.

Transit Union Urges Mayor Push Bargaining

The CIO Transport Workers Union yesterday expressed disappointment that Mayor O'Dwyer, in his report to the City Council, didn't discuss collective bargaining with city employees.

President Austin Hogan of Local 100 praised the Mayor's "statesmanship" in last Fall's subway labor crisis, and commended O'Dwyer's program for transit reconstruction. He added, however, that "we are disappointed at the lack of attention to labor relations in the Mayor's report."

Thirty thousand transit workers won \$18,500,000 in cost-of-living raises last year. Hogan pointed out, however, that living costs had risen since then.

He said he hoped the Mayor would enforce the labor relations recommendations of his Transit Advisory Committee headed by Arthur Meyer. Hogan stressed that "this is the way to peace on the subways."

The Meyer Committee urged collective bargaining elections to determine the predominant unions.



Map Freeport Strategy: The New York Committee for Justice in Freeport plans action in the \$47,500 damage suits against the village of Freeport, L. I., by surviving relatives of Pfc. Charles Ferguson, Negro soldier, and his brother Alfonso who were shot down by a Freeport policeman last February. (l. to r.) Stanley Faulkner, attorney; Congressman A. Clayton Powell, chairman of the committee; Joseph Ferguson, and Dorothy Langston, executive secretary of the committee.

Dewey, With Eye on White House, Jittery at Teachers' Pay Demands

By Max Gordon

ALBANY, Jan. 29.—The Dewey Administration and teacher groups were getting set today for the next stage in the school pay fight—the battle on a permanent increase program. The first phase ended last week with passage of the Dewey program for temporary

those upstate need permanent help. The report will therefore probably turn down city demands and give something only to upstate teachers. This would have the advantage of splitting the teacher organizations, now fairly well united.

The teacher groups are centering their attention on a state-wide action in Albany on Feb. 12 when they are asking for a public hearing on their demands. The Teacher Salary Conference, which unites all groups in New York City, is scheduled to meet later in the week to determine further strategy.

Upstate, action is taking place among local organizations of the State Teachers Association, largely independently of the state leadership. Some of these local groups are going ahead with strike votes. Several are working closely with the city teachers and will probably favor cooperation in any action in Albany.

This "hope" provided an 'out' for GOP legislators who were being pressured from the people back home to oppose the Dewey plan.

It has been publicly charged and privately admitted that the Administration had no intention of doing anything more for the teachers at this session.

At most, the committee figured to bring in a report at the tail end of the session for action in 1948.

But the reaction not only of the teachers, but of the public may change all that. The Governor realizes that this is not simply a state issue. The crisis in education is a national one. The way it is handled will be no small element in the presidential scramble.

The Governor is nervously pressing for an early report and action at this session. Some of his advisers are, however, not so sure this is necessary.

AWAIT LETDOWN

They are watching carefully to see:

- Whether teacher militancy will peter out.
- Whether sympathy for teacher demands will die down as a result of the temporary increases.

If these things happen, as some of these advisers expect they will, the Administration will probably go through with the original idea of postponing permanent action.

At the moment, it looks as if efforts will be made to present the report before the end of February.

CITY TEACHERS OUT?

The temporary report and remarks of GOP legislative leaders imply that the Administration thinks the New York City teachers are getting plenty and that only

Intimidation By Bank Charged

Intimidation of union members by Irving Trust Co. was charged yesterday in telegrams to Attorney General Nathan Goldstein and Father William J. Kelley of the State Labor Relations Board.

The telegrams were sent by Peter K. Hawley, executive director of Financial Employees Guild Local 96 (CIO Office Workers). In another wire to William Enstrom, president of Irving Trust, Hawley demanded that "terrorization" of Local 96 members cease.

Hawley stated workers were being called into the office of vice president Dowell and told to accept company terms because Irving Trust would not consent to the proposed union contract.

Will Honor Lichtenstein At Memorial Tomorrow

This Friday night Communists and progressives will gather at a memorial meeting to honor the memory of a charter member of the Communist Party for whom "one job was never enough."

The man was Harry Lichtenstein, who died at his post as New York County Treasurer last August. In addition to his wife and son, he left behind him thousands of friends in the party and the trade union movement.

The meeting, to be held at Stuyvesant Casino, 2nd Avenue and 7th Street, will feature an address by Jack Stachel, national education director of the Communist Party. There is no admission charge.

Lichtenstein was born on New York's East Side. As a youngster he went to Warsaw, Poland. There his stepfather gave him a sound thrashing for participating—at the age of nine!—in the uprising of 1905.

Four years later he returned to America. He became a jewelry worker, and single-handed organized a strike action in that industry. He was a member of the old Socialist Party, but at the time of the split he became a charter member of the Communist Party.

From that day until his death he was a Communist 24 hours a day. He held the post of circulation manager of the Daily Worker, administrative director of the old Workers School, manager of the Workers Bookshop, and Bronx County Daily Worker Director. He was active in national group work,

and at the time of his death was both the Bookshop manager and the N. Y. County Treasurer.

In the spirit of his life and work, the county committee of the Communist Party has decided to launch a Harry Lichtenstein Memorial Fund, the proceeds of which will finance the county's educational work. The fund will be inaugurated at the Memorial meeting. Many Party sections and clubs throughout the city are sending delegations to the meeting with contributions and pledges.

UPW Asks Unity On Pay Drive

In a letter to Dr. Frank L. Tolman, president of an independent organization of state employees, officers of the CIO United Public Workers of America, yesterday called for "unity of all state employees on the issue of a general wage increase."

The letter cited the partial success already achieved by the teachers.

The letter was signed by Jack Bigel, president, Ewart Guinier, secretary-treasurer and Dorothy Allen, executive vice-president of the New York district of the UPW.

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Deportation Test Case Hearing Today

A hearing in the test case of Peter Harisiades will be held today at the offices of the Immigration Service, 70 Columbus Ave., it was announced yesterday by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

Harisiades faces deportation to Greece because of his political opinions and former membership in the Communist Party. He came to the United States in 1916, at the age of 13. He is married to an American citizen and is the father of two American-born children.

The Committee said it "intends to make a principle of this issue and to fight to the end the use of the Immigration and Naturalization Service by the Department of Justice as a political weapon against



HARISIADES
Faces Deportation

legally-resident non-citizens in this country."

SNEAKED VOTE AT 'QUICKIE' MEETING OF ILG LOCAL 48

An Elections Objections Committee was elected at a Local 48, ILGWU membership meeting Jan. 18, called without official notice by manager Edward Molisani.

It was revealed last night that the head of the Italian Cloakmakers' Local had called the meeting suddenly, and in violation of the union constitution.

The only notice of the meeting, which was held at the Labor Temple, appeared Jan. 17 in *Il Progresso Italo Americano*, daily newspaper published by Generoso Pope, a friend of both Molisani and Luigi Antonini, general secretary of Italian Dressmakers Local 89.

Silvestro Ozzi, chairman of the Rank and File group of Local 48, had suspected that a quickie meeting might be called, and had telephoned Molisani to ask that sufficient notice be given. He pointed out to Molisani then that the meeting would be an extremely important one, to elect the Election Objection Committee and to make nominations in the current election.

Molisani agreed to give sufficient notice, but, instead, sent his business agents into the shops to tell picked groups confidentially the membership meeting would be held Jan. 18.

As a result, many supporters of the Rank and File were unaware that the meeting was being held. The few Rank and File present nominated Ozzi for manager; Thomas Bonsignore for assistant manager, and the following for business agents: R. Bianco, L. Scuto, Louis Bianchiadi, Salvatore Mazza, T. Matteoli, John Finochiaro, A.

Ever Hear of a China Shop in a Bull?

FREEDPORT, Ill., Jan. 29.—Inka, a prize bull whose weight had fallen from 2,000 to 1,700 pounds, underwent an operation today and two pounds of assorted scrap metal and pebbles were removed from the first two of his four stomachs.

The loot included 13 pieces of bailing wire; one bolt; a dozen stones of assorted sizes; one piece of sheet metal, one by three inches; an 8-penny nail; part of a 16-penny nail; and some smaller odds and ends.

ATTENTION!

ALLERTON SECTION

WE NEED 150 SUBS
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All subs must be turned in at Section Headquarters, 3700 Ohlville Ave., Bronx, no later than FRIDAY night.

Five Rail Unions Consider Joint Action on New Pact

Negotiations are in progress to bring about joint action of the five independent railroad brotherhoods when new contract talks start next spring. The current contract expires May 23. The move, reported to be gaining favor in the unions, was started by A. F. Whitney's Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

The negotiations were made known in the *Bulletin of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen* by that union's Committee on Cooperation. The committee recommended favorable action and that president David Robertson of that organization be authorized to confer with the other brotherhoods.

The B. L. F. & E. Bulletin revealed that letters asking for joint action were sent by assistant president S. F. Harvey of the Trainmen on Nov. 22.

Alvanley Johnston, president of the Locomotive Engineers replied that his union expects to "take up where we left off when President Truman declared a moratorium" on rules changes.

The year's "moratorium," expiring May 23, was provided in the settlement under which last year's railroad strike ended.

A significant reply came from T. C. Cashen, head of the Switchmen. Cashen is also head of the Railroad Labor Executives Association which includes the AFL non-operating unions. He wrote that "it is my opinion that a unified action program for handling this matter would be the practical and sensible method, if such can be arranged." He promised to get action from his group on the proposal this month.

H. W. Frazer, president of the Brotherhood of Conductors, promised action some time in January.

Red-Baiters' Victims Asked to CP Rally

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 29.—Fred B. Blair, State Chairman of the Communist Party of Wisconsin has sent a letter to every person whose name had been mentioned in the press during the fall election campaign as a "Communist" or "fellow traveler."

Blair invited over 150 persons whose names were mentioned to attend a meeting at Plankinton Hall in the Milwaukee Auditorium this Sunday at 8 p.m. The meeting is to be addressed by Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party.

Chamber Music Program in Brooklyn

The Brooklyn Chamber Music Society will give its third concert of the season on Tuesday evening, Feb. 4 at 8:30 o'clock in the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Appearing as guest artist will be: Mme. Gota Ljungberg, noted Swedish Soprano, who was formerly with the Metropolitan Opera.

Okay Bill On Vet Insurance

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The House today unanimously passed and sent to the Senate a bill to permit veterans to reinstate their army life insurance without physical examination beyond the present Feb. 1 deadline. Veterans Administrator Omar N. Bradley would set a new deadline.

200 on Strike At Ideal Clamp Co.

Two hundred Brooklyn AFL strikers were out for the third day yesterday against 65 cents hourly wages paid by the Ideal Clamp Manufacturing Co., 435 Liberty Ave.

The workers, members of Federal Local 1147, walked out when the firm turned down demands for a 25 percent raise and observance of the eight-hour day.

New Record For Commercial Planes

A coast-to-coast speed record for commercial planes was set by a Constellation of the Trans-World Airlines yesterday when it landed at LaGuardia Field seven hours and 30 seconds after taking off from Los Angeles.

The plane, carrying 12 passengers, was piloted by Capt. Richard G. Hanson.

'Left' Red-Baiter Left Behind in Poll

By George Morris

Being tied up with red-baiters and union-splitters in the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers did not help Alice (Carolyn) Burkhardt, for whom the Communist Party wasn't "left" enough.

Mrs. Burkhardt was defeated last Thursday for the post of financial secretary of the A. Schrader shop committee of UE Local 475 by a vote of 700 for her progressive opponent, Neal O'Reilly, to 121 for herself.

Defeat came despite a last-minute leaflet she distributed in the shop in which she out-red-baited the red-baiters.

"I am opposed to all appeasers, especially those who are members of the U. S. Communist Party," she said in the leaflet.

The moral of this story is not that another red-baiter was repudiated at the polls. Not very long ago, Mrs. Burkhardt, when still a member of the Communist Party, denounced the Party policy as too conservative to suit her.

Her ouster from Communist ranks last summer was followed by expulsion of other "leftists"—Ruth McKenney and Bruce Minton, Verne Smith, William F. Dunne, Lyle Dowling and others. With Carolyn (Alice) Burkhardt as chairman, and Dowling as editor, they have been issuing mimeographed and printed weekly attacks upon the Communist Party.

They call themselves the "New Committee for Publications."

Last December, Mrs. Burkhardt was candidate for the Local 475 executive board on the ticket of

the U. E. Members for Democratic Action, a red-baiting group led by James B. Carey and Harry Block. The slate was a collection of Christian Fronters, company unionists and other disruptive candidates.

She and her running-mates met defeat in a three-to-one sweep for the administration.

Another interesting aspect of Mrs. Burkhardt's "approach" is her effort to still sound "leftish" as she red-baits. In the leaflet quoted above she called for socialism. But, she added, "in order to do this" the workers must "clean" the Communists out of union leadership.

What did happen is that the reactionaries who held the chief posts in the Schrader shop were "cleaned out" by an overwhelming majority for the progressives, pro-Local 475 administration forces.



Meet Some Champions: Milton Goldstein (in plaid shirt) is Queens Industrial Section organizer for the Communist Party. He has sold 18 subs to the *Daily Worker*. Harold Stieh, sub-seller extraordinary, sold 53 subs in three days. Plans to sell 100 by Feb. 1. Stieh, a purple heart vet of the North African campaigns, is an electrical worker. He reads the *Daily Worker* every day, and he likes it. He thinks his shopmates ought to read it too.

Legion Says It's Not Against Closed Shop

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—The American Legion has announced through Chairman Lawrence P. Fenlon of its national employment committee, that it is not opposed to the closed shop.

The Legion, he said, is only opposed to "excessive union initiation fees." Referring to the recent Legion resolution asking for lower initiation fees, Fenlon said:

"A few union groups have interpreted this action as placing the American Legion on record against the closed or union shop. This interpretation is not correct."

Fenlon said the Legion's action was "in complete accord with the recommendations of both president Green of the AFL and president Murray of the CIO. They have previously recommended that their affiliated local unions adopt this policy of waiving initiation fees to veterans."

"The announced national employment program of the American Legion approved 'collective bargaining' which would include a 'closed or union shop' when so arrived at in collective bargaining," Fenlon continued.

He added that the Legion believes that veterans should "not be relieved" of payment of union dues or other obligations while he is in a union.

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Get-Tough Line Foisted On U.S. After FDR Died

By Milton Howard

THE time is ripe for a new national fight to revive the long-range foreign policy which President Roosevelt forged for the United States.

The anti-Roosevelt foreign policy, foisted upon the United States by a combination of a weak-kneed Truman and a determined Republican Party toriyism, is showing signs of its inevitable bankruptcy. The current "get tough" policy was not Roosevelt's policy.

The Roosevelt policy was based upon the rejection of the "Soviet menace" thesis of the extreme reactionaries.

Even while we were fighting Germany and Japan, American reaction demanded a "go-easy-on-Germany" policy, and a "get tough with Russia" line.

Having failed to force an American-Hitler "understanding," the Hoover and Vandenberg Tories (both were Nazi favorites) supported the "Churchill strategy" in the war itself. This was, in essence, a strategy of putting the victory over Hitler second, and the "curbing of the Soviet Union" first.

Since FDR's death, he has been condemned not only by the Hooverites, but also by the Social-Democratic "liberals," for having put the defeat of Hitler first. They claim that the FDR-Stalin agreement to replace Hitlerism with democracy in Europe

opened the way to "Soviet expansion."

Every single move in the "get tough" policy has since been aimed at remedying the "mistakes" and "crimes" of the Roosevelt agreements.

BUT THE "GET TOUGH" line, from the very beginning was destined to meet serious obstacles.

For while the Roosevelt policy was based on long-range cooperation with the new democratic forces in the world, the "get tough" policy hurled the United States into collision with the majority of the world's population.

Roosevelt's decision to cooperate with the democratic forces in the world was based, of course, upon a calculation that this was in the best interests of his class in the United States. But it was a far-reaching progressive decision which the working class

could certainly support and fight for, having its own views and aims.

The grievous Browderite error was not in supporting this Roosevelt policy, but in supporting it in a non-working class way, that is, in painting the American trusts in rosy colors, and in surrendering the independence of the working class movement.

Today, it is an equally crude mistake not to see that working class and American national interests coincide in the fight to restore the FDR-Stalin agreements.

Here is the record of the "get tough" policy:

In China, it failed to bolster the reactionary Chiang regime among the people, even though we gave him arms, food, and supplies.

In Poland, it failed to overturn the Polish Democratic bloc even though we incited (and perhaps financed) the anti-Government provocations of the Mikolajczyk minority.

In France, all-out efforts to push France to the Right by means of loans, intrigues, promises, and other pressure have failed. France marches forward.

In Eastern Europe, in Czechoslovakia, Romania, Hungary, and Yugoslavia, all-out efforts to

frighten the new regimes into restoring the old feudal-monarchist gang have failed.

And, we might add, the vaunted Anglo-American bloc, which Churchill counts on to halt democratic advance, contains within it painful contradictions which the coming months will push to the surface in dramatic fashion. Recent political rumblings in Britain herald such developments.

There has been no frightened collapse in the face of the atom bomb diplomacy, either in the Soviet Union or any place else.

BUT HERE WE COME to the present moment.

Faced with these failures of the "get tough" policy, its sponsors in the ranks of the GOP and within the Government have decided to get tougher than ever.

The "get tough" policy cannot stand still. In the face of resistance, it must get tougher and tougher. That is, it must pile on more armaments, more pressure, more bullying, and more political blackmail via food, loans, and aid.

Even worse, resistance to our "get tough" line forces us into ever closer and ever more public alliances with the known fascist-monarchist-feudal forces of the world.

It forces the United States, in short, into ever greater isolation from the progressive political and economic forces everywhere. In doing so, it rushes the nation into ever deepening reaction at home.

Though the "get tough" policies may not be capable of launching an immediate war, it can do great damage to the work of working out secure peace settlements for the coming generation. And by its constant intrigues, it can do much to make the peace uneasy. Peace will be menaced by



THE LATE PRESIDENT enroute to Crimea for the Yalta conference in 1944. This was the last meeting of the Big Three which Roosevelt attended.

constant conspiracies everywhere engineered by Wall Street-supported quislings looking toward civil disorder and even civil war.

We are convinced that American public opinion will not long remain in ignorance of the fatal contradictions of the present so-called "bi-partisan" line. It is an anti-American line of the worst type.

The challenge hurled against it by such men as Henry Wallace has been proved right.

This is a moment when an aroused public opinion can reverse the ruinous position into which the nation is being steadily forced by the Hoover-Vandenberg cliques. The "get tough" failures cry out for remedy. Roosevelt's plan cries out for renewal. The will of the people can yet return the USA to the path of peace and democratic progress.



'Quarantine the Aggressor': FDR warned the nation against the dangers of Hitler-Mussolini fascism in his famous "quarantine the aggressor" Chicago speech in 1937.

By Rob F. Hall

TODAY the nation observes the 65th anniversary of the birth of Franklin D. Roosevelt. The observance will recall to most people that April afternoon when the benumbing news of his death flashed around the world. But there is another date which stands out in the life of F.D.R. and the history of the nation. It would be well to reflect on it now.

That date is March 4, 1933, when Roosevelt was inaugurated President of the United States. There were, by conservative estimate, 12,000,000 without jobs. In 38 states banks were closed. On thousands of farms, the foreclosure writ and the eviction notice were realities. The people and the economic system were in the grip of a strangling crisis, the misery of which can only be suggested by the statistics of bankruptcies, wage cuts, and unemployment.

ROOSEVELT SHOULDERS the responsibilities of his high office with confidence that, if the power of the Government were used to expand the purchasing power of the people, the nation could recover. He was determined to do so, and Congress backed him. "Our greatest task," said Roosevelt, "is to put people to work."

Work projects which provided a livelihood for millions were begun. In quick succession there followed the bold steps which gave the early Roosevelt era the title of the New Deal.

"No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country,"

IN 1935, HE implemented that statement by helping enact the Wagner Labor Relations Act guaranteeing workers the right to organize and bargain collectively through unions of their own choosing. Nine years later, when Congress sought to restrict that right by adopting the Smith-Connally Bill, FDR vetoed the bill, although it was, subsequently passed over his veto.

He drafted and sent to Congress the Social Security Act providing job insurance and pensions for the aged. He pushed through legislation for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration which, despite its bad features, helped rescue farmers. Another New Deal measure provided loans by which heavily mortgaged farmers could save their farms, and later, the Farm Security Administration gave substantial help to low income farm families.

TVA was established, providing work for jobless and low-cost electricity for millions in the mid-South. In 1938, FDR led the fight for the Wage Hour Law, outlawing starvation wages and setting a ceiling on hours in many industries. In 1941, he established by executive order a special committee on fair employment practice to end discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups in hiring and upgrading.

THAT WAS THE YEAR the

Axis armies were riding high. The nation was soon to be at war.

"Our nation's program of social and economic reform is a part of defense, as basic as armaments themselves," Roosevelt had said. He buttressed these words by outlining the goals for which the people fight, the four freedoms: Freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want and freedom from fear.

To hold the line on the cost of living, FDR advanced a seven-point program, including a limit on profits, ceiling on prices and rents, stabilization of wages and farm prices, and rationing. The limit on personal incomes should be \$25,000, FDR said, but Congress refused.

The end of the war was hardly in sight in 1944 when Roosevelt began charting the post-war future. "We cannot be content if come fraction of our people—whether it be one hird or one fifth or one tenth—is ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed or insecure."

He proclaimed in his 1944 message to Congress a new economic bill of rights, guaranteeing the right to a job; right to decent wages; right of farmers to a fair return; right of business men to trade without unfair competition; right to decent homes; right to medical care; right to old age security; right to a good education.

"All of these rights spell security," Roosevelt told Congress. "And after this war is won, we must be prepared to move forward, in the implementation of these rights, to new goals of human happiness and wellbeing."

TODAY WITH A Republican-dominated Congress and a President who appeases the trusts, the nation is squandering the Roosevelt heritage. The sky is the limit on profits, and in their greed, the trusts are pushing prices to new heights. Wage demands of workers are rejected and reactionary Congressmen are striving for legislation which would wreck the trade unions and destroy collective bargaining. Congress has so far refused to raise the minimum wage above 40 cents an hour and rejected proposals to expand Social Security and Health Insurance.

The policies advocated by Roosevelt would ward off and postpone depression, and when it came, there would be protection for the people against its worst evils. But the policies followed by a Congress led by Republicans and Southern Democrats have set the stage for the worst crisis in our history.

The 65th anniversary of the birth of Franklin D. Roosevelt, therefore, is an appropriate moment to rededicate ourselves and our organization to the crusade for Roosevelt's economic policies as a stage in the advance of the people. There is little enough time.

In order to devote this page to articles marking the birthday of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the regular column of James S. Allen has been omitted. Allen's article will appear tomorrow.

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Big Boss Vandenberg

THERE was a banquet at the White House the night before last, and it's said that the food was very good. It was a lay-out in honor of Sen. Arthur Vandenberg, tendered by the President himself.

Needless to say, your editors weren't there. But these banquets for Mr. Vandenberg, just three days before the anniversary of the late President Roosevelt's birthday, are something to think about. They are a measure of how far this government—which was elected on the ROOSEVELT-Truman ticket, has wandered. In fact, if you're watching things carefully in Washington, you wonder how Vandenberg gets the gall to act as the undeclared president of the United States. That's how he's acting these days.



VANDBERG

For example, take the new turn in our policy toward China. We're ending our "mediation" says Gen. Marshall. We're supposed to be pulling out—after stuffing Chiang Kai-shek with enough war materials to go on killing Chinese democrats for a few years at least.

Is this a step toward recognizing the civil war as "normal," and thereby laying the basis for new and above-board deals with Chiang Kai-shek? It wouldn't surprise us. That's exactly what Sen. Arthur Vandenberg proposed in his Cleveland speech on Jan. 11.

Take Latin America. The ambassador to Argentina, Mr. George Messersmith, is reported to be very satisfied by his conference with Marshall. Evidently, Argentina is being brought into the militarization program which is already menacing the sovereignty of Brazil and other nations. That is another bit of advice from Mr. Vandenberg two weeks back. He wants to line the entire hemisphere up under the spread eagle of American imperialism. That seems to be in the cards.

Everybody is kow-towing to the senator from Michigan, the man who hated Roosevelt, the man who wanted to come to terms with Nazi Germany and whom the Nazis liked, the arch-agent of the big auto monopolies.

Why is the GOP being allowed to ride roughshod over the FDR foreign policy, which the President was pledged to uphold?

Isn't there anybody in the executive branch of the government who understands where men like Vandenberg would lead us? What is this insidious dictatorship which the head of the foreign relations committee is exerting over the entire government?

It's high time to get these questions answered. Nobody ever elected Vandenberg to anything but the senatorship from Michigan, and that was bad enough.

The GOP is carrying through the same kind of putsch that Herman Talmadge did in Georgia, only much more cleverly and smoothly. If there's no one to say that out loud in the capital, the people must.

An AFL Union Calls the Pitch

THE Joint Executive Boards representing 60,000 hotel and restaurant workers in the New York area deserve the applause of the entire labor movement here.

Their call for united action of all labor on both the legislative and economic front, is the first major break in that direction within AFL ranks in the City.

It is to be hoped that other unions will follow quickly.

New York, known as the country's most progressive city, is far behind others, notably Chicago, on closing labor ranks to meet the attacks.

Two months passed since the New York CIO suggested joint action. But leaders of the AFL Central Trades and Labor Council have not yet replied.

STILL THE GOAL



Letters From Our Readers

Thanks for
Wedding Photos

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

My wife and I want to thank Walter Lowenfels, Art Leipzig and the Daily Worker for the swell wedding pictures of us that appeared in the Dec. 2 issue, under the title, "A Miner's Wedding."

When we received the paper we were all glad and excited about the way the pictures turned out, so vivid and beautiful. Everyone who was at the wedding wants to see them and the paper is just worn out from handling. The write-up was superb and sincere. My wife really treasures the paper and says she will keep it always.

MR. & MRS. TONY B. BORDA

Communists Should Give
Leadership Everywhere

New Britain, Conn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Communists give leadership to the people for objectives such as world peace, price control, trade union unity, Negro rights, etc., but in my opinion, we must at the same time not overlook local problems of our communities.

By this I mean more hospitals, local taxes, more schools, higher salaries for teachers, firemen, and city employees in general.

There are a lot of local issues that interest and affect people in their own communities, and we must show the people that we Communists have a civic pride and interest as well as a national and international outlook.

I. B.

A Kid Thought
Charlie Was Swell

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

My story is about Charlie Krumbein and how much he liked children. He told many jokes and he had a wonderful sense of humor. He had a kind face.

I know a lot about Charlie, but I don't know how to write it. But there's one thing I know how to write. He was a swell guy.

ERIC ALBERTSON (age 9%).

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

Change the World

Sir, You Have Made Some
Sad Errors About the Great Dante!

By Mike Gold

"BUT MAYBE THE HOOVER raiders were really on the beam when they started that hunt for Dante after the First World War," writes Walter Lowenfels, poet, scholar and Philadelphian.

Also, Walter is the Daily Worker guy that writes all those first-hand reports of conditions in the steel and coal regions of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He has done big stuff, in the best traditions of American labor journalism, I believe.

"I liked your excellent piece on Dante, and Robert Burns, and propose you do another on Dante," continues Walter. "Dante is still dynamite, but a correction, Dante was banished from his native city of Florence. He never returned; even when the banishment was lifted. He didn't write the Divine Comedy in Florence, as you stated. He died and was buried in Ravenna."

This Walter Lowenfels, by the way, if I am not telling tales, was also an interesting "poet in exile," when first I heard about him. He lived and wrote in Europe, in the middle of the Gertrude Stein, Ernest Hemingway, Eugene Jolas, et al., group of ambitious thinkers. He has come a long way, as long as Dante's.

IT ISN'T POSSIBLE to make a mistake about Dante Alighieri in the Daily Worker. A hundred champions leap into the breach and correct the error.

An Italian comrade, F. J. F., of the Lower Manhattan Section of the Communist Party, writes:

"I enjoy reading your column, especially when you discuss Italian culture. However, may I correct you on a little error of fact? Dante Alighieri was banished at the instigation of Pope Boniface by the Dies Committee of Un-Florentine Activities of the period, because of his Ghibelline and democratic sympathies."

"He died in Ravenna in 1321, I believe. His tomb is visited by thousands of pilgrims every year, who come there 'a onorare l'altissimo poeta.' . . ."

Yes, friends, I stand corrected, if only for writing too hastily. I assure you I was aware of Dante's life after his banishment from his native Florence.

DANTE IS AS WORTHY as Shakespeare of one's study. Italy's greatest poet, he is a poet who expresses all the human tragedy and human aspiration, in deathless symbolism.

More than Shakespeare, more than any writer living today, Dante stood at the center of his time. His epic poem is a synthesis of all the knowledge and philosophy of his time, unified, conscious and critical, with a progressive current through it all.

The century was a time of great religious massacres, constant wars and upheavals, a transition time like our own, the beginning of feudal decay.

Dante was a sort of City Councilman of Florence, siding with the democratic forces. He opposed the intervention of Pope Boniface favoring reaction in Florentine affairs. Dante was framed up on a charge of stealing, condemned to be burned alive. He went into exile, and never returned to Florence.

ONCE HE WAS OFFERED a pardon, if he would pay a fine and submit to a penitential ceremony of "oblation."

But he refused the shame, and put those aristocrats and clergy in his deepest hell. Dante established the Italian language, and laid the foundations for the Italian nation.

Which brings us back to Robert Burns, whom I also mentioned as a victim of the red-baiting Rankins and Hoovers of his day.

Ralph Knight writes in to say: "Thanks for that swell column, which seems to me a blow against a certain disregard for art found too often in our ranks. However, may I dispute your quotation from Lockhart? This man was one of the creators of the myth that Burns deteriorated in character during the last period of his life. Actually, this is a myth. Burns, in spite of severe difficulties, continued productive work until the last, and was even widening the scope of his understanding. I urge you to read Franklyn Bliss Snyder's Life of Robert Burns."

Thank you, Comrade Knight, I will.

Jim Crow in the Bowels of the Earth

By Walter Lowenfels

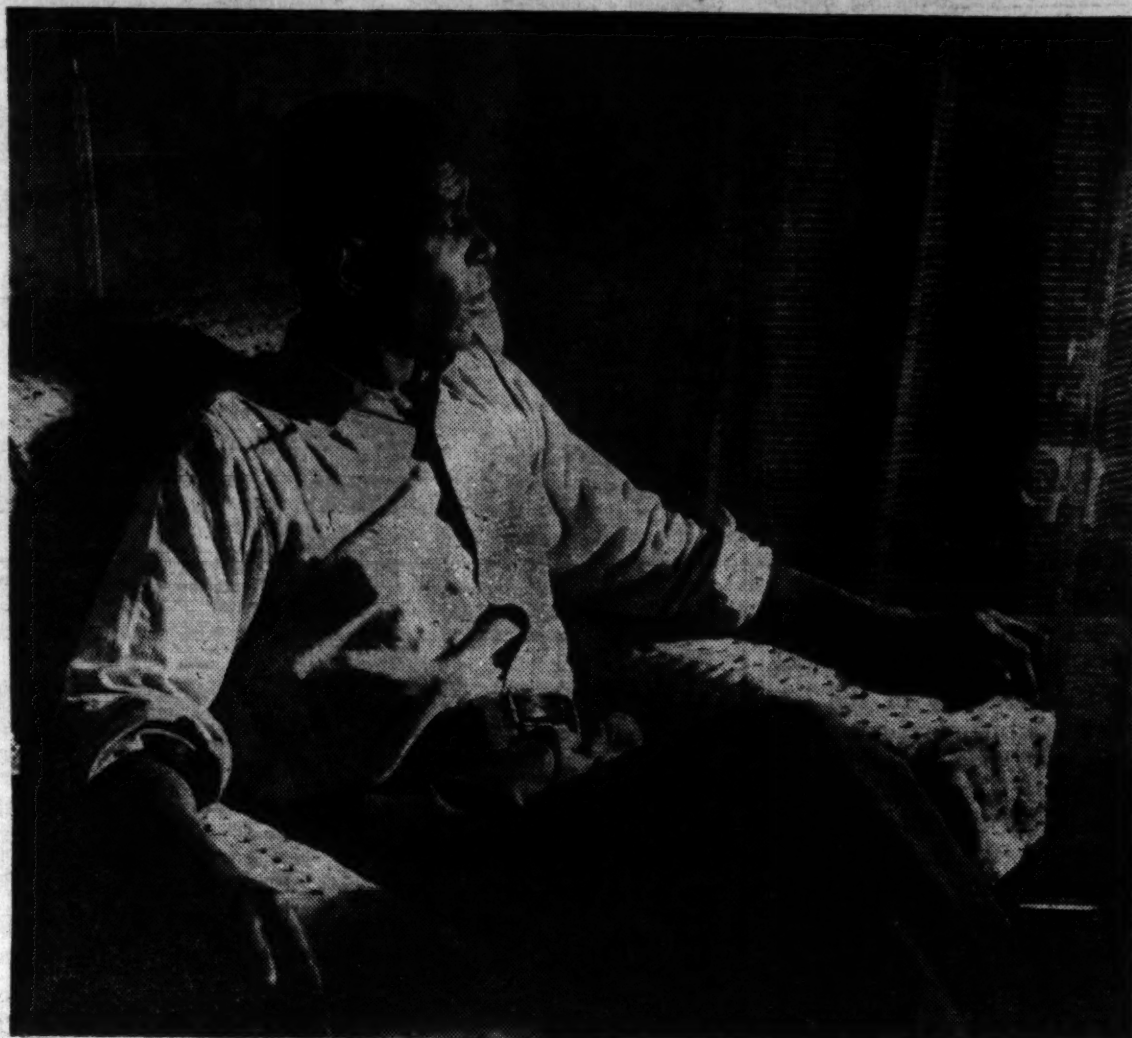
WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 29.—Here's a place where you'd think the color of a man's skin made no difference—down in the mines! But Jim Crow is a hungry termite. It eats away in the darkness of the earth's bottoms where everybody looks the same. It bites into the coal dust that blackens each miner's skin and scarifies this face and says—"He's Negro!"

James Bailey offended the Mellon family social code in several ways: His skin is black. This offense he compounded by speaking up against their Pittsburgh-Consolidated Coal Company's chiseling on the contract. So they got him out of their Lindley mine here, apparently with the blessings of the District representatives of the United Mine Workers.

Mr. Bailey told us about it in his carefully furnished home here. He's 40, tall and strong, with two sons in Alabama, and two daughters at home. Both girls were in bed in the next room, recovering from flu.

The details differ, but Mr. Bailey's story will not be too unfamiliar to 13 million Negroes who are plugging along with their white brothers and sisters to make the USA a fit place to live in. However, it may surprise some to find old Jim Crow eating away in this soft coal county of Washington, Pennsylvania, as it does in Washington, D. C.

The composite face of the AFL Mine Workers union holds every mixture under the sun, from Africa to Arizona, and from



JAMES BAILEY, Pennsylvania miner Jimcrow victim.

Zagreb, Yugoslavia, to Xantippe, Illinois. When its high officials give in to Mr. Mellon's itching money-ways on "Communism," or "Jew store-keepers" or a man's color, the operators know who's leading with their chin and can be counted on to sock away.

"I been working here 10 years,"

Mr. Bailey told us. "Whole lot of things the company was getting away with. I was after them. When I run for re-election the Superintendent, he said: 'If it's all you do, don't make James Bailey pit committeeman.'"

"This Christmas I reported off. When I reported back they said:

"You got no job anymore."

"If you lose a day you got to carry a doctor's certificate. They used to have 12-man crews. Now they're cutting down to nine-man crews. Any man off two days, he's subject to discharge. I was the 14th Negro hired here. There's only 13 there now out of the 370

men. "The union Board Member was down. He said: 'We couldn't go beyond the contract.' Others had lost lots more days than I had, but they're still working. One fellow was off all that week."

15 MINUTES FOR BOSS

"When does your portal to portal start? I used to ask. When the whistle blows, or when? What about the time it takes to get lamps?"

"Quitting time is 2:30. The foreman says, 'You're supposed to work till quarter to three.' They did us out of our 15-minute lunch period by making us work that 15 minutes overtime for nothing."

"Our boys is cutting their own throat. The president of our local says: 'Nothing you can do. Jim Bailey lost 43 days.' But it ain't so. One man was off 97 days. They gave him his job back, but he was a white fellow."

"What am I going to do? Try to get into another mine? Mister, I haven't got 10 cents to my name. I spent all my bonds. Just last November a year ago, my wife had to go to the hospital—\$268.00. . ."

It was Saturday afternoon, and a broadcast was coming over the radio as we left Mr. Bailey's home: "If a mine worker cannot keep up with the punishment of the 54-hour week, and takes time off to rest his weary bones, he is subject to discharge. . . . The UMW leadership is falling into the operators' trap by failing to tackle these discharge practices. . . ."

It was the regular weekly broadcast of the Communist Party. . . . "The fact that Bailey is a Negro—and the first to be discharged for such a case in this period—was of no importance to the UMW district officials. . . ."

Arnall, in Town Hall Talk, Urges End to Discrimination

Former Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia opened a national lecture tour at Town Hall yesterday with the warning that what is going on now in Georgia could happen anywhere.

"Herman Talmadge and his hoodlums," Arnall said, "are using methods that would put the Third Reich to shame."

He urged the elimination of racial discrimination, and called on Americans not to let "our system of econ-

omy be strangled by monopoly."

The ex-Governor said it was now up to the courts to see that the mandate of the people was upheld.

"I trust the courts," he declared. "I don't think interference from Washington is necessary."

"We must make this one common country, without distinctions between section and section, race and race, creed and creed," Arnall said. "Before we can expect the South to straighten itself out, it must be freed from colonial bondage, from the discrimination of the more industrialized sections of this country."

The achievements of his administration were cited by Arnall. "We even moved ahead of the Federal Government, we abolished the poll-tax and lowered the voting age to

18. We increased educational opportunities, including teachers' salaries."

"There are certain things necessary in order for this country to move ahead," Arnall declared. "We don't want to see anyone sick who can't afford a doctor. We have to provide economic opportunities for all our people, and see to it that our system of economy grows, that it is not strangled by monopoly, and especially that all sections, including the South, have an equal chance to develop."

"Now here we are, the greatest, most prosperous country in the world, trying to talk ourselves into another depression, into another war. . . . Certainly, before we can offer leadership to the world, we must by all means make our own country a paragon of virtue."

Miners' Health Fund At \$15½ Million

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Some \$15,500,000 has now been paid into the health and welfare funds of the AFL United Mine Workers, it was disclosed today. Under its contract with the government, the union gets a royalty of five cents a ton for the benefit of its members.

UMW sources estimated the fund in the anthracite industry at \$1,449,000. Some sources estimated the bituminous fund alone would pass \$20,000,000 by June 1, 1947.

End Probe Into Death Of Wilson Kin

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—The coroner's office today closed its inquiry into the death of Ellen Wilson McAdoo Hinshaw, pretty, twice-divorced granddaughter of the late President Wilson, from an overdose of sleeping tablets.

Mrs. Hinshaw, 32, was found unconscious in a beach hotel Dec. 22 and died 20 minutes later.

Michigan High Court Upholds Jimcrow Clause in Leases

LANESING, Mich., Jan. 29.—Because 80 percent of white owners of property on Detroit's near northwest side signed agreements not to sell to other than whites, the Michigan supreme court ruled Jan. 7 that a sale to Orsol McGhee and his wife, a Negro couple, is invalid. The court held that the 14th amendment of the federal Constitution, which gives all citizens equal rights under the law, does not apply because the restrictive covenants, as the discriminatory agreements are called, were merely contracts between private parties.

Strictly speaking, owners may sell to Negroes but the Negroes are not permitted under the covenants upheld by the court to occupy the property they buy.

Shocked by the reactionary ruling, progressive bodies are considering appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. Entered in the case as friends of the court were the United Auto Workers (CIO) and the Detroit chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

The Guild in its brief showed that such covenants are segregation,

which in turn breeds slums and race riots.

WHAT'S ON

Tomorrow Manhattan

FORUM: Dr. C. Obermeyer on Democratic Movement in Latin America. Friday, January 31, at 8 p.m. Waterfront Section, 269 W. 25th St. Music and refreshments. Adm. 25 cents.

HARRY LICHTENSTEIN MEMORIAL MEETING. Speaker, Jack Stachel, National Ed. Director, CP. Admission, Stuyvesant Casino, 2d Ave. & 7th St. Ausp.: NY County CP.

"ROOSEVELT'S PLACE IN HISTORY." An estimate of the Roosevelt era, and a review of Elliott Roosevelt's "As He Saw It," and Frances Perkins' "The Roosevelt I Knew" discussed by Alan Max, Managing Editor, Daily Worker. Jefferson School, 575 6th Avenue (16th St.). 8:45 p.m. 50 cents.

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MORNING

11:00-WOR-Prescott Robinson
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11:15-WOR-Tello-Test-Quiz
 11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch Show
 WOR-Success School
 WJZ-Hollywood Story-Sketch
 WQXR-Stringtime

11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawton-Sketch
 WJZ-William Lang Show
 WOR-Talk-Victor H. Lindlahr
 WQXR-Rosemary-Sketch

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC-Rad Hall, News
 WOR-Checkerboard Jamboree
 WJZ-Kenny Baker Show
 WQXR-News; Luncheon Concert

12:15-WNBC-Metropolitan News
 WOR-Morton Downey, Songs
 WQXR-Aunt Jenny's Stories
 12:30-WNBC-Maggi McNellis
 WOR-News; So This Is Love
 WJZ-News; Talk-Nancy Craig
 WQXR-Helen Trent

12:45-WNBC-Post Parade; Show Tunes
 WQXR-Our Gal Sunday
 1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride
 WOR-Better Half Matinee
 WJZ-H. R. Baukhage, News
 WQXR-Big Sister-Sketch

•WQXR-News; Midday Symphony
 1:15-WJZ-Powers Charm School
 WQXR-Ma Perkins
 1:30-WOR-Listen Here, Ladies
 WJZ-Galen Drake
 WQXR-Young Dr. Malone

1:45-WNBC-Robert McCormick, News
 WOR-The Answer Man
 2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch
 WOR-Daily Dilemmas
 WJZ-Kiernan's Corner
 WQXR-Second Mrs. Burton
 WQXR-News; Program Favorites

2:15-WNBC-Women in White-Sketch
 WJZ-The Woman's Exchange
 WQXR-Perry Mason-Sketch
 2:30-WNBC-Masquerade-Sketch
 WOR-Queen for a Day
 WJZ-Bride and Groom

2:40-WNBC-Light of the World-Sketch
 WQXR-Curtain at 2:30
 WQXR-Lone Journey-Sketch
 WQXR-Rose of My Dream
 WQXR-Music Memory Game

3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful
 WOR-Martha Dean's Program
 WJZ-Ladies, Be Seated
 WQXR-Bouquet For You
 WQXR-News; Recent Releases

3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins-Sketch
 3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young
 WOR-Rambling with Gambling
 WJZ-Pat Barnes-Talk
 WQXR-Winner Take All
 WQXR-String Orchestra

3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness
 WJZ-Studio Tour
 4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife
 WOR-Ask Dr. Eddy
 WJZ-Tommy Bartlett Show
 WQXR-House Party

WQXR-News; Symphony Matinee
 4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas
 4:25-WNBC-News Reports
 4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones
 WOR-Uncle Don

WJZ-Cliff Edwards, Songs
 WQXR-To Be Announced
 4:45-WNBC-Young Widder Brown
 WOR-Buck Rogers-Sketch
 WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch

5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries
 WOR-Hop Harrigan-Sketch
 WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
 WQXR-School of the Air
 WQXR-News; Today in Music

5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life
 •WOR-Superman-Sketch
 WJZ-Sky King-Sketch
 WQXR-Latin-American Rhythm

5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill
 WOR-Captain Midnight
 WJZ-Jack Armstrong
 WQXR-Treasure Bandstand
 WQXR-Cocktail Time

5:45-WNBC-Front Page Farrell
 WOR-Adventure of Tom Mix
 WJZ-Tennessee Jed

EVENING

6:00-WNBC-News; Music
 WOR-George C. Putnam, News
 WJZ-News; Sports-Joe Hazel
 WQXR-News; Music to Remember

6:15-WNBC-Serenade to America
 WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews
 WJZ-Ethel and Albert
 WQXR-In My Opinion

6:30-WOR-News-Fred Vaudeventer
 WJZ-Allen Prescott
 WQXR-Sports-Red Barber
 WQXR-Dinner Concert

6:40-WNBC-Sports-Bill Stern
 6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas
 WOR-Sports-Connie Desmond
 WJZ-Ed and Peggie Fitzgerald
 WQXR-Robert Trout, News

7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Valety
 WOR-Fulton Lewis Jr., Comments
 WJZ-Headline Edition

•WQXR-Mystery of the Week
 WQXR-News; Celebrity Hall
 7:15-WNBC-News of the World

14,000 End Strike
 At Hudson Car Co.

DETROIT, Jan. 29.—Some 14,000 production workers returned to work at three plants of the Hudson Motor Car Co. today, ending a two-day strike called to protest suspension of a shop steward.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of our dear friend, SASHA MARSHAVSKY. We express our condolence to his wife, daughter and son-in-law.

—Milton, Olga and Harry.

Dimas Club of Flatbush mourns loss of CHARLES KRUMBEIN. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Margaret.

In memory of ARTHUR PEER, staunch fighter for a better world, died Jan. 30, 1938.

—Sonia.

WOR-The Answer Man
 WJZ-Elmer Davis-News
 WQXR-Jack Smith Show

7:30-WNBC-Grand Marquee-Play
 WOR-Arthur Hale
 WJZ-Professor Quiz
 WQXR-Mr. Keen-Play
 WQXR-Record Rarities

7:45-WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt
 8:00-WOR-Sound Off
 •WQXR-The Aldrich Family
 WJZ-Lum n' Abneh

•WQXR-Suspense Play: Three Blind Mice with Van Heflin
 WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
 8:15-WJZ-Erwin D. Canham, News
 8:30-WOR-Count of Monte Cristo

•WQXR-Burns and Allen, Comedy
 WJZ-Town Meeting: How Can Atomic Energy be Used and Controlled?
 WQXR-FBI in Peace and War
 8:5-WNBC-Bill Henry News
 9:00-WNBC-Music Hall
 WOR-Gabriel Heatter
 WQXR-Dick Haymes Show

WQXR-News; Concert Hall
 9:15-WOR-Real Stories
 9:30-WOR-Treasure Hour of Song
 •WQXR-Jack Haley Show
 WJZ-Echoes of New York
 WQXR-Crime Photographer
 WQXR-Author Meets the Critic

10:00-WNBC-Abbott and Costello, Comedy
 WOR-Crime Club
 WJZ-World Security Workshop
 WQXR-Radio Readers Digest
 WQXR-News; Recorded Album

10:30-WNBC-Eddie Cantor Show
 WOR-The Symphonette
 WJZ-Bob Elson, Interviews
 WQXR-Finnegan Again-Comedy
 With Frank McHugh

WQXR-Just Music
 10:45-Earl Godwin, News
 11:00-WNBC-News; Music
 WQXR-News; Dance Music
 WQXR-News; Symphonic Hour

11:30-WNBC-Story of Music
 WQXR-Juillard School Concert
 12:00-WNBC-WJZ-News; Music
 WQXR, WQXR-News; Music
 WQXR-News Reports

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•9:00-Masterwork Hour. Music of Christoph von Gluck and Charles Martin Loeffler

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 7:55-News Summary
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 8:30-The Universe Around Us—Museum of Natural History
 8:45-Spotlight Varieties (RX)
 9:00-Municipal Concert Hall, Record Hobbyist Club, with Herman Neuman, Musical Director, WNYC
 9:30-Stephen Vincent Benet Memorial, Program from Town Hall, Speakers: William Rose Benet, Archibald MacLeish, Russell Davenport, Bonaro Overstreet, Padraic Colum, Sterling A. Brown and the Brooklyn College Chorus
 9:55-News Summary
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In this corner

Second Thoughts On the Fite Bribe

By Bill Mardo

SOME SECOND thoughts on the Graziano to-do. Was our column calling for Rocky's ring suspension entirely justified? To answer this is to explain the circumstances under which our piece was penned.

At 6 p.m. Monday, already past our deadline for sports copy, the news roared in on the attempted boxing bribe. With it came District Attorney Hogan's sombre statement implicating Graziano up to his ears. The writer had already written a column on brother Gil Dodds and we promptly shelved it in order to comment on the attempted fight fix. With roughly ten minutes time to think the thing through and do the writing, there was little else for us to do other than accept at face-value what seemed to be an authentic news release from the District Attorney who had just finished an 18-hour session with Graziano.

If one accepted the DA's statement (and remember, Graziano didn't give his side of the story until the next day) that clearly meant calling for the suspension from the ring of an athlete who was said to have conferred with gamblers twice, had asked them to see him again, and then ran out on the deal at the very last minute. There could be no condoning such actions.

Even so, with our hurried last-minute assessment of what seemed to be the facts from DA Hogan, the meat end of the column hit at the real source of the current sports aggravations—the accessibility big-time gamblers have to the sports scene, the inevitability of such a situation within the vast Big Money sports setup as it exists under capitalism, and primarily, the ineffectual (let's call it that, anyway) methods of the police in dealing with the syndicate operators.

That, we hope, explains our Tuesday morning column.

THE NEXT DAY, Graziano told his side of the story. He angrily refuted the tenor of Hogan's statement, insisted it distorted the nature of his remarks at an 18-hour rugged grill session, and he came out with one obvious truth: namely that the fix-boys are a dime-a-dozen in any gym where boxers work out. Rocky remarked also that he hadn't taken the bribe seriously, and his back-ache that finally caused the cancellation of the bout was a legitimate ailment. Dr. Sym Newman, the man who examined Graziano, concurred on that point.

SO THAT'S the story thus far. One version from the DA's office, which claims Rocky is seriously involved in the mess and "knows more than he has told us." The other version as issued by the fighter and outlined above.

Our thoughts on it, at this stage, are these:

Regardless of whom you believe—Hogan or Graziano—the main source of the trouble lies in the big gamblers and syndicate stooges who infest the sports scene today. They come and go as they please and have every opportunity in the world to place terrible temptations before an athlete. And so the real onus rests with the police authorities and our ideas on that little subject were discussed in detail here at the time of the Hapes-Filchek-Paris scandal. Something about a protection racket, remember?

Bicycling, Big Sports in USSR, In Comeback as Rebuilt Factories Hum

Cycling is one of the most popular sports in the Soviet Union. And now that the bicycle factories of Kharkov, Riga, Penza and Moscow are again in operation, Russian sportsmen will soon be hitting the paths in large numbers.

In the days of Tsarist Russia, there was no bicycle industry; although two factories—one in Riga and one in Moscow—did assemble bicycles from imported parts. In 1912 both factories assembled only 11,200 bicycles. The machines were expensive and naturally limited in use.

The Soviet bicycle industry came into existence in 1923-1924 when the first factory was opened in Kharkov. In 1929, the Penza, and in 1933 the Moscow bicycle factories were started. The Moscow plant was the largest; by

1938, two bicycles were coming off its assembly lines every minute; and by 1939, its millionth bicycle was produced.

With the tremendous development of the industry during the pre-war years, bicycles could be seen everywhere—in the broad fields of the Ukraine, in the vast Siberian wasteland, on the snow-covered streets of Murmansk, on the roads of the Far East.

Cycling as a sport began to develop apace. Its progress was considerably speeded up after the Moscow factory started mass production of sport bicycles. Speed records improved; cyclists of international rank made their appearance; and two races were held. The last of these covered a distance of approximately 2,000 miles, following the route: Mos-

ANY TAKERS?

Here's something for community basketball teams to think about:

The Park A. A. quintet from Cliffside, N. J., is willing to tangle with all comers—with proceeds to go to any progressive cause. Games will have to be played on the home-court of whichever teams accept this worthy challenge, as the Park A. A. has no court of its own.

The Park crew is coached and managed by Jerry Celabrese and boasts, among others, Frank Sebest, former St. John's star. His teammates include: Cigi Cigolini, Al Dazza, Dick Birdsall, Wade Dwynt, Fred Zimmer and Bill Donovan. These boys recently defeated the highly-touted Williamsburgh "Y."

Any takers?

Court Notes:

The Ticket Situation, Notre Dame, NYU

If you're a basketball fan who's willing to put it on the line for the college game, here's a summary of the ticket picture for the remaining seven twin bills. Tuesday, Feb. 18

—NYU-Manhattan and LIU-Camden—some tickets available. Thursday, Feb. 20—CCNY-Niagara, St. Johns-Hawaii—tickets at all prices. Thursday, Feb. 27—CCNY-Brooklyn, St. Johns-Indiana State—tickets at all prices. Thursday, March 6—CCNY-Lafayette and LIU-Muhlenberg; Tuesday, March 4—NYU-St. Johns, St. Francis-La Salle—some tickets still available.

There are no tickets for the two big ones—NYU-Notre Dame and CCNY-NYU. Standing room for all games is available at two bucks a throw at 7 p.m.

And speaking of the Notre Dame-NYU game, the Irish have hit their stride and are rolling up awesome scores. Tuesday night they disposed of Marquette, 87-61. Their game with Kentucky Saturday night should tell plenty. Kentucky has lost only to Oklahoma A&M.

And speaking of Oklahoma A&M—they beat Oklahoma, conquerors of City College in the big one down that way.

Brooklyn College is aiming to give NYU some unexpected trouble Friday night at the 69th Regiment Armory in the first college game played on this fine court. It doesn't figure, but that's what Brooklyn says.

ATTENTION, HUNTING AND PING PONG CONTRIBUTORS!

This is a heck of a note, but could the two readers who sent in the excellent articles on hunting in New York State, and ping pong, possibly do them over again and shoot them in? The letters were accidentally lost before we had a chance to set them in type. Both represented a real contribution to the sports page, so could you forgive us and try again, fellows?

Trade Winds Are Blowing

Yanks After 1st Sacker, Giants Needing Plenty

All major league clubs will be represented at Friday and Saturday business sessions here and most of the field managers will be along. Baseball men were expecting quick, positive action. Everybody wants a deal—at the right price.

Here's the rundown:

New York Yankees—They're "first

base happy" and may go to great lengths to fill the spot, thus moving Tommy Henrich off the bag into the outfield where he belongs. George McQuinn, once a Yankee farmhand and later released by the Philadelphia Athletics, will have a trial along with Nick Etten. But the Yankees are reported dicker with Cleveland for hard-hitting Eddie Robinson, who led the international league in runs batted in with 123 at Baltimore last year. He also smacked 34 homers.

Boston Braves—Want some of Brooklyn Dodgers and would give up pitcher Mort Cooper and outfielder Johnny Hop for the right combination. Dodgers would give pitchers Vic Lombardi and Ed Head, plus first baseman Howie Schultz and infielder Bob Ramazotti but Boston prefers shortstop Stan Rojek instead of Ramazotti and pitcher Hank Behrman, a promising rookie, instead of Head, who pitched a no hitter and little else last year.

New York Giants—Could use plenty after that eighth place finish last year. Said to be after Ron Northey from the Phillies, Andy Pafko from the Chicago Cubs and Buster Adams from St. Louis Cards. All are outfielders on the market include infielders Sid Gordon, Bill Rigney and Norman (Babe) Young.

Philadelphia Phillies—Will give up Northey but may prefer to deal with Brooklyn—hoping to get Rojek and Behrman or pitcher Hal Gregg.

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During the war, however, the bicycle factories converted their production to the manufacture of ammunition. And Kharkov was evacuated during German occupation.

Now the Kharkov factory is being rebuilt and expanded. When building is completed, this factory will be the largest in Russia, with an output exceeding the combined pre-war bicycle production. The job of rebuilding was undertaken by the Kharkov youth and presented tremendous difficulties. First, it was necessary to clean the shops which were heaped with rubble. They then repaired the damage inflicted by the Germans. As the Germans, before their retreat, had blown up the power plant

and water main, all repairs had to be made without the aid of water and electric power. The acute shortage of materials and skilled labor added to the difficulties. But all obstacles were hurdled, and by May, 1946, the plant turned out its thousandth bicycle, with output on the increase.

After the liberation of Riga from the Germans, the bicycle industry of Soviet Latvia also commenced the rebuilding of its factories.

Projects of new plants and new bicycle styles are now under way. The Kharkov bicycles are of a new design, with light frames and heavy tires. The Russian people are now, once again, beginning to enjoy this popular sport and recreation.

BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS

By Samuel Sillen

A few weeks before his death last February, Countee Cullen had completed work on an anthology of his own best poems. Now published under the title of *On These I Stand* (Harper, \$2.50), the volume serves both as a memorial to the distinguished Negro poet and an excellent introduction to his work.

Beginning with his first book of poems, *Color* (1925) and running through *The Lost Zoo* (1940), the anthology includes nearly 100 selections. In addition, the volume contains six poems written from 1941 to 1944 and never before published.

Countee Cullen wrote some of the finest lyrics of the generation between World Wars. Unlike so many of his contemporaries, he was a poet of classic simplicity.



'On These I Stand' -- Memorial To Poet Countee Cullen

Though his range was modest, he possessed a firm, authentic, individual talent. Into traditional verse forms he poured an intoxicating sense of beauty that recalls John Keats, to whom he dedicated several of his poems.

REJECTED VIEW

Cullen rejected the view that a Negro poet should confine himself to themes uniquely relating to his experience as a member of an oppressed people. He wrote of emotions and experiences common to all humanity: of love and death, of the human burden of sorrow and the striving for joy and beauty.

But from certain poems, read separately, some people have gotten the altogether mistaken impression that Cullen sought to escape from the specific qualities of



COUNTEE CULLEN

the Negro's experience in America. The present volume should help dissipate this impression.

From *Heritage* in the 1920's to *A Negro Mother's Lullaby* After Visiting John Brown's Grave in 1941, Cullen sings with compassionate identification and with pride of his own people. If a strain of pessimism persists in his work, there is also biting indignation and the promise of a different future.

From the *Dark Tower*, written in the Twenties, begins: "We shall not always plant while others reap"

The golden increment of bursting fruit,

Not always countenance, abject and mute,

That lesser men should hold their brothers cheap. . . .

And in *A Negro Mother's Lullaby* (one of the newer poems hitherto unpublished) he writes: "Hushaby, hushaby, when a man, not a slave,

With freedom for wings you go through the town,

Let your love be dew on his ever-green grave;

Sleep, in the name of Osawatamie Brown.

Rich counsel he's giving Close by the throne, Tall he was living But now taller grown. . . .

IN FEW LINES

In a few lines Countee Cullen was able to puncture the cruelly

foolish, as in the epitaph *For A Lady I Know*:

"She even thinks that up in heaven

Her class lies late and snores, While poor black cherubs rise at seven

To do celestial chores."

Throughout Cullen's work there is a sense of pain, of dreams unfulfilled which at times borrows the consolation of religion and at times spills over into the extravagant image of the bleeding heart. Yet Cullen had a magnificent talent for humorous verse, as in the stanzas of *The Wake-upworld* and *The Snake - That-Walked-Up-His-Tail*.

"How envied, how admired a male,
The - Snake - That-Walked-Up-His-Tail!"

The forest all emerged to stare
When he came out to take the air. . . ."

There are no city images in Cullen's verse; his typical images are of the seed, the flower, the fruit. Though not a "topical" poet, he is by no means untouched by the major events of his time—witness his poems on Sacco and Vanzetti or on France occupied by the Nazis.

"Scottsboro, Too, Is Worth Its Song" calls upon American poets to raise a thundering cry to strike the nation's heart. That his own sensitive talent should have so early been cut off—he was 43 when he died—was a grievous loss at a time when voices need again be raised "To jar the foe smug in his citadel."

'Lady in the Lake' Misses Being Topnotch Whodunit

Robert Montgomery, the actor, has turned director to attempt an interesting experiment in *Lady in the Lake*, the new mystery film at the Capitol based on the Raymond Chandler detective yarn of the same title.

Playing the role himself of Chandler's hardboiled, wise-cracking but honest private eye, Philip Marlowe, Montgomery appears only briefly in the film, depending on narrative, voice and a unique camera device to unfold the story and maintain the interest and suspense.

This device is to introduce the story in person, and then with Montgomery's voice dubbed in the camera takes over to assume the role of Marlowe, with the supporting cast speaking their lines directly into the lens.

The camera trick succeeds, for the most part, in creating the illusion that the audience is going through Marlowe's own experiences. Thus, when Marlowe is hit with brass knuckles the fist crashes into the camera.

When he crawls on the ground after a car wreck to reach a telephone the camera moves along the ground slowly, jerkily, preceding his hands as they grasp a pole for support and preceding his painful and agonizing course into the booth. This is maintained throughout almost the entire film, with Marlowe reappearing in person in only three or four scenes, and usually reflected in a mirror.

But, outside of its photographic devices and occasional lines which give it a sudden lift, *Lady in the Lake* is a slow, talkative, sometimes clumsily filmed murder thriller. As Philip Marlowe, Montgomery could learn a lot from his predecessors—Dick Powell in *Murder, My Sweet*, and Humphrey Bogart in *The Big Sleep*. And as a director Montgomery should have trained and guided his cast better in the new, unfamiliar technique.

Audrey Totter, in the feminine lead, is almost completely lost in the opening scenes. Lloyd Nolan, in one of the other featured roles, too, finds it difficult to adjust himself despite his considerably longer film experience than Miss Totter's.

However, taken as a whole, *Lady in the Lake* is bound to keep you absorbed and interested if not exactly on the edge of your seats. Though not entirely new, Montgomery's camera experiment is a significant one. Put to better use, with a good story having more meat to it and a cast better chosen and more expertly directed,

this device, if used in future films, should give a shot in the arm to Hollywood's flagging products as revealed during the past year.

—A. D.

Other Critics On 'Lady in the Lake'

T. M. F. TIMES: Picture is definitely different and affords one a fresh interesting perspective on a murder mystery. In making the camera an active participant, rather than an offside reporter, Mr. Montgomery has, however, failed to exploit the full possibilities suggested by this unusual technique. For after a few minutes of seeing a hand reaching toward a door knob, or lighting a cigarette or lifting a glass, or a door moving toward you as though it might come right out of the screen the novelty begins to wear thin.

IRENE THIRER, POST: It isn't so much the mystery as the method involved in production, which makes the Capitol's new picture a thoroughly intriguing murder thriller.

CECELIA AGER, PM: The difference between *Lady in the Lake* and previous Raymond Chandler murder mysteries is that with this one, you get an inkling of how it feels to be Clyde Beatty. With this one, you're smacked inside the tigers' cage. No bars protect you from the actors' snarls, or from their lunges either. This intimacy is achieved by personifying the camera. The notion to involve the audience was Montgomery's. . . . He's even infused the camera with a kind of sardonic wit. His *Lady in the Lake* positively glows with the phosphorescence of decay.

ALTON COOK, WORLD TELEGRAM: Robert Montgomery has added an intriguing device to the resources of the mystery movies. The novelty of the idea is arresting even if Montgomery has not used it with any great imagination this time. He has achieved nothing that couldn't have been done just as easily in the conventional method of movie narration.

EILEEN CREELMAN, SUN: A tricky piece of work. Some people may find it easy to identify themselves with the camera and Marlowe. Others will find themselves fighting this technique, looking away from the screen. It's an amusing technique, but not one that's apt to be effective more than once or twice.

LILLIAN HELLMAN'S NEW PLAY: "The most rewarding theatre event of the season." —Daily Worker. "A brilliant, distinguished work of enormous power and impact." —Watts. Post

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Project Tenants Picket City Hall Against Evictions

By Michael Singer

Two hundred and fifty tenants of city housing projects picketed City Hall yesterday to protest impending evictions. A six-man delegation of the Interproject Tenants Council, representing 10 projects, told administrative secretary Paul Ross that Mayor O'Dwyer must call a halt on all evictions until enough private housing exists.

Some 2,700 families in the city projects facing eviction. The delegation, which represents 17,000 tenants, was promised that a date for a meeting with O'Dwyer himself would be set within two days.

Daniel Allen, representing the City CIO Council, and Norman Pike, chairman of the interproject group, told Ross that the tenants are in a "highly militant mood," and that they would not stand by and "watch their furniture tossed into the street."

They urged that O'Dwyer make clear his opposition to evictions so long as the housing crisis continues.

Other spokesmen for the tenants were Alfred K. Stern, chairman of the Emergency Committee on Rents and Housing; Mrs. Helen Fichtenbaum, chairman of the Tenants Relations Committee, and Nathan M. Klein, attorney.

House Passes Excise Tax Bill; Hits Consumers

By Fred Vast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The GOP majority in the House today presented its first gift to the people—passage (373 to 35) of a bill continuing excise taxes of 20 percent indefinitely on luggage, cosmetics, furs and other items.

Most Democrats went along with the majority after arguing that excise taxes hit low-income groups the hardest.

The Republicans not only reneged on their promises to end excise taxes, but "they fasten the tax as a permanent levy," declared Rep. Lynch (D-NY), who advocated exemptions on low-cost items. "The public can prepare itself for a similar policy on income taxes."

Lynch urged passage of his bill doubling income tax exemptions instead of the Knutson Bill for a 20 percent across-the-board slash.

"The alibi is being prepared by the Republicans for their failure to reduce taxes by placing the blame on labor because of labor's demand for portal to portal pay," he warned. "Labor is to be the scapegoat as usual. Let labor remember and let the consuming public remember that the promises made by the Republicans to reduce the excise taxes, the promises whereby they garnered thousands upon thousands of votes, are not being fulfilled."

"Today's taxes are a burden on

Mine, Mill Stewards Rap Union Redbaiters

NEWARK, Jan. 29.—A meeting of New Jersey shop stewards and officers of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers voted overwhelmingly in support of the union's national leaders, and called upon the membership of Connecticut brass plants to do likewise.

The resolution was adopted, following addresses by President Reid Robinson and other general officers. It called upon the anti-administration forces to "end all further destructive politics... which have confused the membership and sabotaged the carrying out of our program."

Red-baiting elements in the MMSW, centered principally in Connecticut brass locals, have been waging a year-long battle in an effort to unseat the Robinson progressive administration. They failed first in a petition move, then in the union's convention and finally in November's referendum poll on officers.

While the New Jersey locals were in session, officials of the brass locals at Waterbury, Torrington and Bridgeport, Conn., set membership meetings for next Friday to take up secession from the MMSW. The move is inspired principally by John Driscoll, secretary-treasurer of the Connecticut CIO Council.

people struggling to live," said Rep. O'Toole (D-NY). "Eighty-five percent of these taxes will come from families earning less than \$4,000 a year. Handbags, lipsticks and baby oil are taxed 20 percent, but race bets running into \$100,000 are only taxed five percent."

Republican spokesmen, led by Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the House Ways and Means Committee, insisted the excise tax bill was in accord with President Truman's request for a one-year extension.

BOOMERANG FEARED

Rep. Albert Engel (R-Mich) warned his Republican colleagues that passage of the Knutson bill reducing income taxes 20 percent across-the-board may spell defeat for the GOP in 1948.

Engel cited these examples to show how the GOP bill would operate:

Married persons with an income of \$48 per week would save 72 cents a week, or \$37.44 a year, under the Knutson scheme, while a financier with a yearly take of \$300,000 would save \$48,985 annually. A man with a \$100,000 income would save \$12,790,

The climax came last week when a scheduled wage conference in the union's brass division at Waterbury was turned into a "rump" meeting of the anti-Robinson forces. Both Robinson and vice president Maurice Traves were barred from the hall by policemen. About a third of attending delegates left the meeting on Robinson's call and met separately. A number of brass locals have since disassociated themselves from the red-baiters.

Robinson told the New Jersey members he deplores continuance of the disruption at a time when the union is preparing for new negotiations. He announced the appointment of Homer Wilson, eastern vice-president, as administrator over the Atlantic district superseding John J. Mankowski, board member of the district who is leading the Secessionists. Former International representative David Brown was named New Jersey Regional director. Rudy Hanson, who had the post, is being transferred to another important post in the international, the union announced.

and taxes on \$200,000 would be slashed \$29,795.

Engel added that in 1946 it took \$1.55 to buy what \$1 bought in 1939, yet exemptions were twice as much in 1939 what they are today—\$1,000 for a single person and \$2,500 for married persons.

Assuming each head of a family had at least one dependent, Engel said, there are some 86,000,000 persons, or 61 percent of the population, who are dependent on incomes of \$2,500 a year or less.

Harlem Tenant Rally Being Held Tonight

A mass meeting will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at Elks Imperial Hall, 160 W. 129 St., to protest conditions which have caused 11 deaths by fire in Harlem this month.

Speakers will include City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Rose Gauden, member of the Communist Party national committee, and Milton Walter of the Ben Davis Club, who will serve as chairman.

Admission will be free. Entertainment will be provided.

4,000 Hear Williamson at L.A.

Special to The Daily Worker

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Four thousand persons attended the Lenin Memorial meeting at Shrine Auditorium here Sunday, at which John Williamson, national labor secretary of the Communist Party, was the featured speaker.

Williamson stressed in his speech that "the need of the hour is unity of action of the labor movement, in alliance with other democratic sections of the people," to stop the greatest threat in decades to American labor.

"Not even the left-wing of the labor movement is sufficiently

alarmed," Williamson warned, "at the danger to America in the 212 anti-labor bills now before a Republican Congress."

Other speakers included Mrs. La Rue McCormick, candidate for the Board of Education; M. M. Sparks, Los Angeles County Communist Party chairman, and Ben Dobbs, local Communist labor secretary, who was chairman of the meeting.

On foreign policy, Williamson said a "little group of evil men" who "don't like to see democracy work," today are seeking to "break

up Big Three unity and isolate the Soviet Union."

Although they operate "mainly through the Republican Party," in President Truman, they have a "little Republican," judging from his recent speech to Congress, Williamson asserted.

"We cannot win the respect of the world by waving the atom bomb at everyone, nor by using food as a weapon against democratic peoples in Europe and Asia, nor by seeking to establish a strong, reactionary Germany as an enemy of the Soviet Union," he declared.



by BARNARD RUBIN

GEN. MacARTHUR'S personally-endorsed history textbook for Japanese school kids whitewashes Japan's 1937 rape of China.

Here is what it says on the subject—published for the first time, to my knowledge, in an American newspaper:

"At first, the then Japanese government strove to bring the matter to the earliest possible settlement and conclude peace with China, but the war extended too far to do so... under those circumstances, the government declared the China war to have as its object the creation of a New Order in the Far East..."



TOWN TALK

The radio shows plugging the March of Dimes campaign, by tacit arrangement, have agreed to avoid mention of Franklin D. Roosevelt's name (that's about as low as political pressure can go!).

Another sorry radio note: The radio adaptation of Freedom Road was turned down by a leading network. The reason, bluntly admitted, was fear of the reaction from southern stations. Other networks probably ditto...

Mischa Elman's concert in Havana was sponsored by the Cuban Federation of Labor...

Lauritz Melchior will begin one of the most extensive—and intensive—tours ever undertaken by any artist. Beginning March 16, he will give 14 concerts in 14 midwestern cities in 15 days...

Willie Howard may do a revival of Girl Crazy...

Marc Connelly ditto with Green Pastures—next season...

Ex-Governor Lehman was at that Years Ago benefit for the Downtown Community School...

Actress Thelma Schene has translated a play by the Soviet's K. Simonov. Slated to go into rehearsal soon...

Drew Pearson's radio sponsors will switch his ABC spot to 6 p.m. on Sundays to avoid competing with Jack Benny...

Deep Are the Roots, Glass Menagerie and Dream Girl are the first three shows lined up by J. J. Leventhal for the summer circuit...

More on the State of the Union's presidential poll which Wallace won hands down. Analysis of the voting revealed an interesting class angle. The second balcony showed a far greater number of votes for Wallace than the orchestra—with the first balcony in between...

Hobo News columnist Jack Kennedy covering the opening of the Wedgewood Room, Waldorf Astoria. Your Daily Worker columnist right behind him...

Skazka's hat check concessionaire, Al Koslow, ardent booster of artist David Burluk, has got many of the Russian night club's staff buying his friend's paintings. Proprietor Leo Nemiroff also caught the fever and managed to snag Burluk's prize Dreamy Afternoon...

Janet Hill Gordon, GOP Assemblywoman from Chenango County resents being called New York's Claire Boothe Luce. Incidentally, she was recently the victim of a typical Dewey pettiness. She had run without his machine's support in the primary—so Dewey "forgot" to invite her to his reception for freshman legislators...

Frozen foods will soon be peddled via the coin-machine method (drop a quarter in the box—and get a frozen heartburn)...

Leonard Bernstein will conduct, write the score and act in Mary Pickford's film, The Beckoning Fair One...

Councilman Ben Davis writes in to straighten the record on that item about GOP Councilman Rager's opposition to a City Negro History Week. It was Pete Cacchione who gave Rager the verbal beating, while the resolution itself was presented by Davis. Both were ready to hop on Rager but Davis finally Alphonse-and-Gastone to our comrade from Brooklyn...

NEWSPAPER TALK

47 is the name of the new magazine, owned lock, stock and barrel by its contributors—top writers and artists—which will hit the stands next week, Feb. 5. First run is 500,000 copies. They already have 125,000 subscriptions. Watch for the article by Darrel Berrigan (New York Post) which alleges, in substance, that in Japan MacArthur has simply substituted American militarism for Japanese...

Joe Williams, the World-Telegram sports writer, is critically ill...

This seems to be MacArthur's day. Here's one about Henry Luce in MacArthur-land.

When Luce recently visited Japan he was feted by MacArthur. Luce asked him if he could arrange an interview with the Prime Minister.

MacArthur asked, "Why stop at that? Don't you want to see the Emperor?"

Luce replied, "Yes, but I don't dare aim that high." (This is an American citizen talking about the man who okayed the Pearl Harbor attack!)

Within five minutes MacArthur had arranged for the interview. At the palace the interpreter told Luce that political questions were forbidden. So Luce and Hirohito talked for a while about chrysanthemums and such subjects.

Taking a chance on his last question Luce asked through the interpreter, "Is Your Highness' position any different now than before the war?"

The Emperor replied immediately, "No, there is no difference."

Luce left. As soon as he reached MacArthur's headquarters the palace interpreter phoned him. "So sorry," he sorried, "I made a terrible mistake in interpreting the Emperor's reply to your last question. 'What the Emperor really said was 'everything's different.'"

The interpreter, of course, is one of the world's top-notchers...

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Georgia House Passes White Primary Bill

ATLANTA, Jan. 29.—The Georgia House of Representatives today passed by 133 to 62 Herman Talmadge's bill to bar Negroes from voting in the Democratic primary.